

# Winner of Opening Clash Expected to Become Champion

## FIRST GAME OF WORLD SERIES TODAY

### FINDS THE CRITICS EQUALLY DIVIDED

Science of Cubs vs. Spirit of Tigers the Problem.

Chicago and Detroit Baseball Crazy and Getting Worse.

By JAMES CRUSENBERRY.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—When the umpire says the word "play," the Cubs and the Tigers are going to be in a fight today for the championship of the world. The two greatest ball clubs in the country are going to claw and tear at each other until one is downed.

All morning long Chicago citizens, everyone a baseball fan at heart, have been on the jump. Thousands made their way to the grounds before noon, and it was expected that the gates would be closed two hours before the time for the game to start.

Will the Cubs defeat Detroit?

Science vs. Nerve? Can the great ball club handled by Frank Chance defeat those scrapping players under the direction of Hughie Jennings?

Never have critics of the game been so badly up in the air over a series. Thousands are betting on the Cubs. Thousands also are wagering their money on the Tigers.

Both the Cubs and Tigers are confident of winning. Nobody knows and the two great teams will clash today in the first battle of the series which is to end when one team has won four games.

Donovan vs. Overall.

Chicago is pinning her faith today on Big Jeff Overall, the giant Californian, who has been the pitching wonder of the National League during the season. Detroit is banking on the veteran "Wild Bill" Donovan to pitch the first game into the credit column for the Tigers.

Both teams are on edge for the first game as they have not been all summer. The Cubs have been preparing for this day for weeks and weeks.

The Tigers have just finished a grand rushing finish of the American League race, and do not expect to slacken speed until all the Cubs are slain and they carry the big title back to the City of Straits.

First Game All-Important.

The battle today probably will be the toughest of the entire series, for each team has a suspicious hunch that the club winning the first game will win the series.

The final instructions of Manager Chance to his Cubs before they prepared for the contest were: "Get that game today at any cost."

Hughie Jennings gathered his men for a few words of encouragement at their dressing rooms, and his last words were: "We must win today."

Man for man, the two teams seem to be evenly matched. Chicago is a better balanced and a better drilled club. Detroit is a bit more scrappy and wild. Chicago is a trifle stronger in fielding. Detroit is a tiny bit stronger in batting. They are equal in base running.

Tremendous Excitement.

There is even more excitement over the games than last season, when the White Sox and Cubs fought it out in the two Chicago parks. There is not a village or hamlet in the United States today that will not be hanging over the wires to learn the result of the first game between Chicago and Detroit. Probably something like 30,000 persons will see the battle. But there will be more than 100,000 persons in the city country that will be eagerly awaiting the news.

Only a small part of Chicago's own baseball fans can get in the West Side grounds for the game.

But in a hundred places over the city, women, children and men will be watching the bulletin boards.

Cities Baseball Crazy.

Business on the downtown streets will be at a standstill. Up in Detroit the citizens are doubtless nearly crazy.

They haven't yet seen their boys, their champions, since they beat out all the others in the American League. Every train from Detroit was loaded with excited fans, who rushed like mad to the scene of the first battle, the spot where their own champions were to battle with the Chicago champions for the highest baseball honor in the world.

Weather Threatening.

The weather was much to the liking of the Chicago players. Threatening clouds had caused gloom on thousands of fans, but the weather man had promised a fair day and cool, and the Cubs had been hoping for just such conditions.

The Cubs were up early in the morning and went to the ball park for a little exercise and a talk from their manager. They were in grand shape for the series today. Outside of Mordecai Brown, the entire team was on hand, primed to the limit for the first battle.

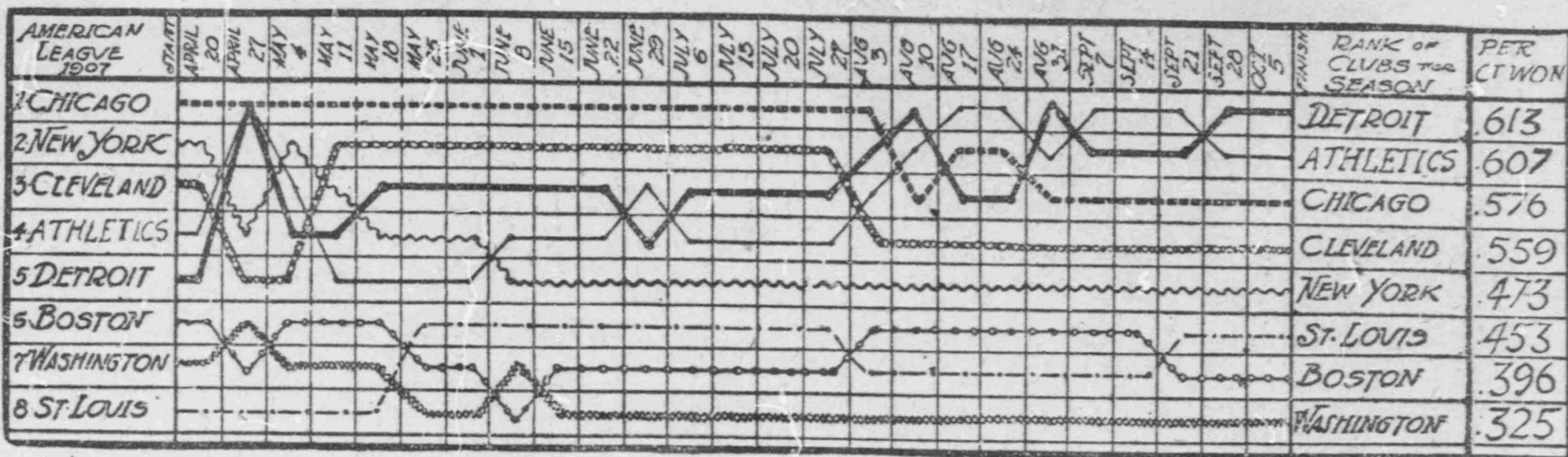
Brown will be able to pitch, but probably not before the third game. Artie Hoffman was limping slightly from a sprained ankle, and will not be used in the first two days, unless badly needed.

Chance's Pitching Plans.

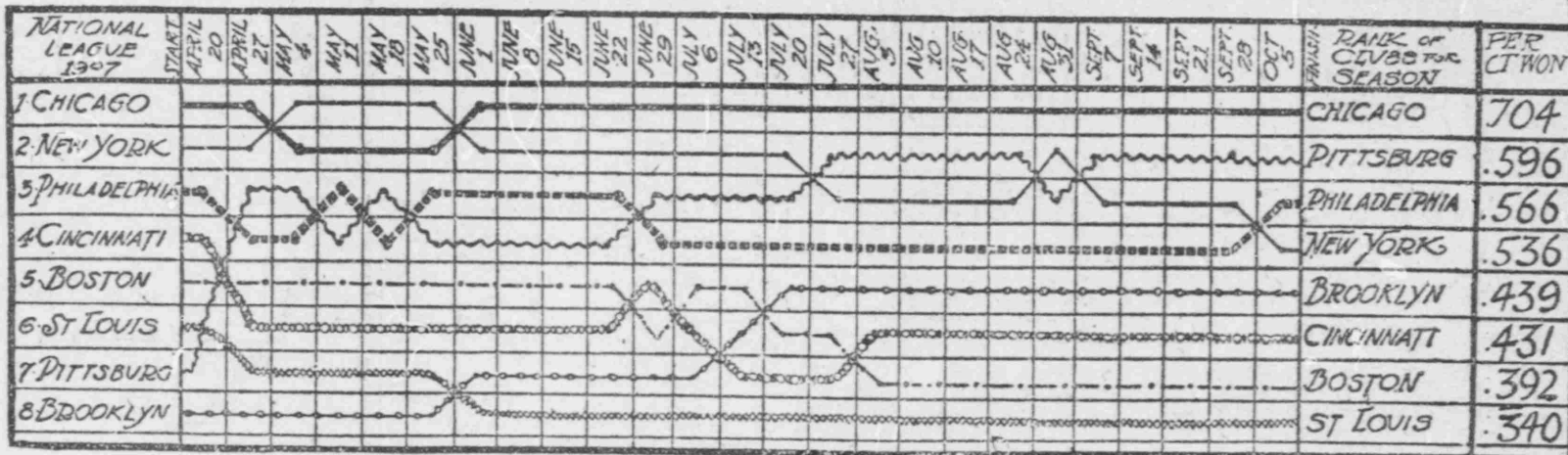
The Cubs' pitching staff, with the exception of Brown, is in trim for the games. But in spite of that fact it is possible that Chance will not use more than two or three of his twirlers in the entire series. Overall and Lundgren are the two standbys. If Overall beats Donovan in the opening game, the Cubs will feel as sure of winning the series as they are that the sun will sink below the horizon in the west tonight.

Overall and Lundgren seem to be the only two pitchers who will be called back for a second game. Chance is counting on Brown and Roubach as the other two to work, but there is a possibility of his using "Chick" Fraser instead of the latter, who is not working with his best form.

Little did Washington fans think their club closely resembled the Chicago National League Club, but it did, and in that very important sporting detail—consistency. The following table from the Philadelphia Record of the ups and downs in the major leagues shows that the Chicago Cubs hit the top in June, and kept it to the end of the season. Washington struck bottom in June, and stuck there to the end. The table also shows the remarkably thorny path traveled by the Detroit Tigers.



AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY DETROIT CLUB, JENNINGS, MANAGER



NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY CHICAGO CLUB, CHANCE, MANAGER

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Donovan or Nothing.

"Wild Bill" Donovan must win for the Tigers, or the Tigers will not get the championship.

That point is generally conceded by everyone in the country who knows anything about the two teams. Mullin and Killian are the other only reliable pitchers on Jennings' staff, although Slevier is pretty sure of working in one of the games.

Johnny Kling is expected to catch in all of the games for Chicago. Schmidt may catch all for Detroit, although the Tigers have a backup of almost equal ability in Payne.

In Terror of Cobb.

But there is only one man on the Detroit club who has scared the Cubs. He is none other than the young Tyron Cobb, the batting and base-running sensation of the season in baseball.

Many predict that Detroit will beat the Cubs, and it will all be because of this one player. Cobb is out of the game and the Cubs would be a sure thing, say these prophets.

While that is absolutely no doubt that this youthful, light-haired boy, who has not yet cast a vote has won the American League pennant for Detroit and may land the world's championship for the Tigers. If he can keep up his present daring career, he is a wonder, and it must be so admitted by all who know the game.

When Cobb starts to steal second he is absolutely crazy and the catcher actually sick. Cobb will steal third of ten times out of ten men could steal second. He is a wonder, and it must be so admitted by all who know the game.

But can his boy beat the Cubs out of the championship of the world? Ask any hot West Side fan today, and his answer will be "No."

Seats for 28,000.

Accommodations had been ordered by President Murphy to take care of 28,000 fans at his grounds. Extra seats had been constructed. The field was roped off so that thousands would find view points from the green. As in the series last fall, there is likely to be an element of luck in the games that will count greatly in the reckoning. The crowd is going to be on the field every day, meaning ground rules will have to be in operation. Many and many a two-bagger has been given a batter because the ball went into the crowd, while without the crowd it would be an easy out.

The gates will be opened at 11 o'clock and the throng will rush for the choice seats. Money is no object when the championship of the world is at stake.

COLUMBIA REGATTA

ENTRIES ANNOUNCED

IN TEN-MILE CHAMP

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Bartow S. Weeks, chairman of the national championships committee of the A. A. U., yesterday announced the entries for the ten-mile championship of the United States, which is to be decided next Saturday at the Polo Grounds.

The Irish-American A. C., which hitherto has had a large entry in the various distance and cross-country championships, has not a representative in the big competition. John J. Daly, the national champion; Thomas Collins, and George Bonhag, to say nothing of the rest of the distance runners of the club, did not send in their entries for the event.

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## New Event Introduced By I. A. A. C.

Javelin Throwing a Feature at Club Carnival at Celtic Park.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Two interesting and novel events never scheduled in the Metropolitan district for championship competitions will be on the program of the Irish-American Athletic Club's great autumn carnival at Celtic Park next Sunday. These are discus throwing, the Greek style, and javelin throwing.

Some eight or ten years ago in a revival of the old Celtic games, the javelin event was put on to give color to the occasion, because javelin throwing was one of the arts highly cultivated by the warriors of ancient Ireland. When the event was seen here it was more of an exhibition than a competition. On Sunday the rules that will be observed at the Olympic games next year in London will be carried out.

Sheridan Performs the Stunt.

The javelin to be used is of wood six feet eight inches long, with a sharp spear-like point. It is thrown overhead for distance, with or without a run. It makes an interesting athletic exhibition. The world's record, 175 feet 6 inches, is held by Lemming, a Swede, and was made at Athens last year. Martin Sheridan has taken it up and is practicing daily with a javelin specially imported by President James E. Sullivan, of the A. A. U.

The other novelty, throwing the discus Greek style, will attract several competitors. This is a very picturesque event and made a great hit when shown here last fall by Georgiann, who holds the Olympic record of 112 feet 3 inches.

It is the intention of the Irish-American Athletic Club managers to make a clean sweep, if possible, at the London games, and they will put in training from now on men to compete for every event on the Olympic program.

## COLUMBIA REGATTA

DOUBLE SWEEP TEST

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The Columbia University regatta to be held on October 26 on the Harlem River, promises a rather novel race, as the Nassau Boat Club will race its octopode crew against the members of the Columbia Freshmen crew.

The members of the octopode will consist of the regular Nassau senior crew, which were beaten last year in a close trial race by the same crew which will race them again. There is considerable debate among Columbia rowing men as to the speed of the two kinds of boats, and this contest has been arranged mainly to decide whether double sweeps with the same number of men are swifter than single ones.

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Pacific Coast. Unfinished.

New York State. Albany, N. Y.

Three Eyes. Rock Island, Ill.

Southern. Atlanta, Ga.

New England. Worcester, Mass.

Connecticut. Holyoke, Mass.

Central. Springfield, Ohio.

Western Assn. Wichita, Kan.

Cotton States. Mobile, Ala.

National. Austin, Tex.

South Atlantic. Charleston, S. C.

Iowa State. Burlington, Iowa.

Interstate. Erie, Pa.

Ohio-Penn. Akron, Ohio.

Virginia. Danville, Va.

Northwestern. Aberdeen, S. D.

Kansas State. Bartlesville, Okla.

South Michigan. Tecumseh, Mich.

West Penn. Fairmont, W. Va.

Penn. Ohio-Md. Steubenville, O.

Gulf Coast. Lake Charles, La.

Eastern Illinois. Mattoon, Ill.

South Carolina. Camden, S. C.

Wisconsin. Disputed.

Copper Country. Winnipeg, Man.

Western Canada. Medicine Hat, Alta.

COLIN INJURES KEENE;

KICKS CLOD IN HIS EYE

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—James R. Keene, delighted over the eleventh straight victory of the mighty Colin, stood in the paddock at Belmont Park watching the great \$10,000 purse winner cool off.

The colt pranced about a bit and kicked up pieces of turf with his feet. One of the chunks of clay struck Mr. Keene squarely in the eye, and inflicted a painful, if not dangerous, injury.

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